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SUB: MEDIA REACTION: MONDALE TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE JORDAN TIMES JULY 4 CARRIED EDITORIAL ON MONDALE'S TALKS IN ISRAEL ENTITLED, "INTELLECTUAL TRAMPOLINING."

2. PAPER SAYS MONDALE "DID WELL TO POINT OUT TO THE ISRAELIS THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST REQUIRES AN ISRAELI TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWAL ON ALL FRONTS."

3. PAPER ADDS, "BUT WE ALSO THINK MR. MONDALE OVERDID IT ON THE PALESTINIAN TERRORIST BIT, AND WITH HIS STRESS ON THE NEED TO ALLOW MORE JEWS TO LEAVE RUSSIA AND THE EAST EUROPEAN NATIONS TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL." CONTINUING, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY SAYS, "WE SEE A BASIC INCOMPATABILITY IN POINTING OUT THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WEST BANK AND GAZA TO ALLOW THE PALESTINIANS TO EXERCISE NATIONAL SELF DETERMINATION THERE, AND IN SIMULTANEOUSLY PREACHING IN A TONE THAT SEES
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THE PALESTINIANS ONLY AS "TERRORISTS," AND THE JEWS ONLY AS IMPRISONED CAPTIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION.'

4. "FOR MR. MONDALE UNIMAGINATIVELY TO DWELL ON THE "TERROR" OF THE PALESTINIANS IS NOT A POLITICAL FAILURE," THE EDITORIAL SAYS, "BUT RATHER IT IS A PERSONAL FAILURE. IT DEMONSTRATES A SIMPLE LACK OF GRACE ON HIS PART, NOT

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A LACK OF GREAT POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING.

5. CONCLUDING, THE JORDAN TIMES STATES, "IF TERROR IS SO BAD, WHY DOES MR MONDALE WANT TO GIVE IT A HOMELAND? REALLY, NOW, CAN'T MR. MONDALE MAKE HIS GOOD POINTS WITHOUT UNGRACEFUL DISPLAY OF INTELLECTUAL TRAMPOLINING?" FOSTER

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